

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ 16 AUGUST 2026

Patronal Feast Day of Aotearoa New Zealand

Luke 1:48: *'All generations will called me blessed'*Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It is a feast of hope and joy, that invites us to allow Mary, the mother of Jesus to deepen our relationship with her Son, and particularly today, give us a sense of hope and direction. For the church teaches us that when her earthly life came to an end, she was heaven bound. Today's feast puts before us our own future..... that where Mary has gone, we hope to follow.

Her Assumption reminds us that our own destiny is to share in the fullness of life with God.

The Gospel gives us Mary's beautiful prayer, the Magnificat: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."*

Mary recognises that God has done great things for her, not because of her own status or achievement, but because of her 'yes' to God's plan for her. She trustingly placed herself in God's hands. *She rejoiced in God who 'lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things'* and remains faithful to his promises.

The Assumption is the fulfilment of the promise of God to us all as we ponder

Mary's place in salvation history. The one who trusted God so completely is now brought into the glory of heaven.

Mary's life and her Magnificat invite us to trust that God is also at work in our lives.

In the depths of our being, God is present. Our response is a daily 'yes' to the call to make the gospel a reality in the here and now.

This feast has a particular significance for us as Catholics in Aotearoa New Zealand. When Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier, our first bishop, arrived in New Zealand in 1838, he entrusted the mission of the Church to the patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Almost two centuries later, we continue that mission. As we look to the future of our parishes and our Church, may Mary teach us to proclaim God's greatness, to trust his promises and to serve with humility and joy.

May Our Lady of the Assumption continue to intercede for Aotearoa New Zealand and for each of us, leading us always closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

'For the Almighty has done great things for me.... holy is his name' Luke 1:49

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Today's Readings

First Reading

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6.10

This describes the battle between God and evil, with the ultimate triumph of God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ is the new Adam who undoes all the harm done by the old Adam.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

This tells of Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, and contains her hymn of praise to God for his goodness to her and his chosen people.



Eastern Bays Catholic Parishes Facebook Page

Have you seen our Facebook Page? Go to <https://www.facebook.com/easternbayscatholic>. Be sure to like it to keep up to date with the happenings at our parishes and beyond.

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that Shona is away & Rebecca will be working in the St Ignatius Parish office. Our office hours are:

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon, Wed & Fri 1.30pm – 5.30pm

St Ignatius

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9.30am – 12.30pm

Preference Enrolment forms are signed by appointment. Please email:

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Baptism Course October

15th, 22nd & 29th October from 7.30pm to 9pm. To register please email Gina sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz



Sunday Mass Time Change

St Joseph's - Please note that from **16 August** the Mass at St Joseph's, Orakei will be at the earlier time of 9 am.

CHANGE OF DATES

Scripture Study Group

The dates for the Thursday Scripture Group have changed as follows:

27 August, 10 September

then subsequent

2nd Thursday of each month

at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm.

All welcome.

St Ignatius School Enrolment 2027

Children who turn 5 in 2027 and who will be starting as new entrants at

St Ignatius Primary should have their enrolment applications in by

Friday 31 August 2026.

Enrolment applications can be found

at <https://stignatius.school.nz/our-place/enrollment-application-forms/>

or at the school office.

You are welcome to attend their

Open Day, 12th August at 11.30am.

To register for the Open Day please

email office@stignatius.school.nz

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

University Students Mass

Every Tuesday during Term time at the MacLaurin Chapel, Princes Street, City at 12.10pm. All welcome.

Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Fr Ryan is the celebrant this month. Eastern Bays Youth are invited to meet Bob at 4.15 pm, outside the Cathedral so we can sit together.

St Ignatius Card Group

Wednesday afternoons at the St Ignatius Parish centre. 500 is the game of choice and it's a great opportunity to try something new and to make new friends. All welcome.

Newcomers please seek out Stella.

DePaul House Annual Fundraiser

Join an inspiring evening supporting De Paul House as they mark their 40th year of providing housing and support for families and seniors experiencing homelessness.

Special guest speaker Judge Tony Fitzgerald will share insights from his years leading Te Kōti o Timatanga Hou – The Court of New Beginnings. **Friday 21 August, 6:30pm** at Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion Street, Takapuna. Tickets \$110 (includes bubbles & nibbles, raffles, and live & silent auction). Full details and bookings:

www.depaulhouse.org.nz/news-and-events/fundraiser-2026

Christian Care Network Eastern Bays Communities

For assistance, please contact our confidential helpline on 09 521 5712. Donations of non-perishable goods at St Joseph's Church, or donate via CCN bank account 12-3047-0089077-01

Reference: Your name

For tax receipts please email Maxine Priestley at priestlyfam@xtra.co.nz

St Ignatius Church NEW Roster: September to Early December

The new roster is now being prepared. Current volunteers and anyone interested in joining are invited to scan the QR code below to update their details or register as a new volunteer. New volunteers are warmly welcome! Use the QR code below or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ministry-volunteers-St-Ignatius>



Eastern Bays Coffee Morning Meet Up

Every third Wednesday of the month, at the Terraces Restaurant, 207 Ridell Road, at St. Andrews Village (all welcome).

Parking is available. Come along, 10am, 19th August.

Accommodation Required In Mt Albert

The newly appointed Principal of Marist School, Mt Albert (a former parishioner of St Ignatius & teacher at Sacred Heart College) is looking for rental accommodation. Ideally, the accommodation would have 2–3 bedrooms and be within 15–20 minutes of the school. The preferred move-in date would be at the end of September, but this can be negotiated. Please let the Parish Office know if you know of any suitable accommodation.

Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September
us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers.

Find out more and to register visit:

<https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/>

Register before Thursday 20 August to enter draw to win a statue of the Holy Family.



Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage
100km over 4 days
24th - 27th October 2026

From Waitangi to Motuti, through forest, farmland and alongside the Hokianga Harbour in the footsteps of the first Catholic missionaries to NZ
Places limited to 60 pilgrims.

Register now at fopp.nz

- To walk
- As a volunteer
- To donate
- To sponsor a pilgrim



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

We remember those who have died recently, and whose anniversaries occur during the month of August...

Marija Mercep, Neil Grant, Marie Sinton, Anne Cleaver, Richard Farry, Sr Lorraine Gaines rsj, Elizabeth Wright, Kate Saunders, Bill Roche, Gerard Hart, Mgrs Kevin Hackett, John Brown, Virginia Stewart, John Walls, Ron Patterson, Celia Gatt, Kathleen Mearns, Moira Gleeson, Jim Mortimer, Michael Brady, Mary Bergin Wright, Joan Dunne, Lorraine Wright, Kathlynn Fariessey, Nell Phipps, Ivan Kirton, Frank Clarke, Ray Kirkup, Arthur Mack, Norah McDonald, Desmond Hayes, Doreen Weston, Walter Springford, Clemencia Velasco, Leo Renneberg, Najla Bell, Stephen Batterton, Arthur Lynskey, Tony Marinovich, Christopher Hughes, Douglas Fletcher, Doreen Sydnier, Thomas Boderick, William Naden, Verona Henderson, Philip Batterton, George McIndoe, Olive Pope, Robert Phillips, Patricia Moir, Sheila Lowe, Sean Kelly, Michael Begley, Raewyn Foubister, Maurice Leydon, Diana Ozich, Denis Culpan, Christopher Hughes, Eileen Rennie, William Kearns, Audrey Higgins, Hubert Howe, Paul Krause, Doreen Sweeney, Ross Lanigan, Daphne Cavanagh, Ludwig Sepetavc, Patsy Olsson, Kathlyn Lornie, Aubrey Barrett, Mary Sullivan, Dorina Boric, Hendrik Van Swet, Eileen Brosnan, Anthony Lammert, Marcie Towers, John Turich, Louis Mihaljevich, Victor Davis
... Eternal rest grant to them



Eastern Bays Area Schedule

Monday

9.00am Mass at OL of Fatima Meadowbank

9.00am Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion at St Ignatius

Tuesday

9.00am Mass at St Pius X Glen Innes

Wednesday

9:00am at St Ignatius

School Mass (Term Time) All welcome!

Thursday

9:00am Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help

Friday

9:00am Mass at St Ignatius

Saturday

9:30am Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help
 (Rosary at 8.50am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

8.45am Saturday at Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm at St Ignatius

Sunday Mass

9:00am St Ignatius

9.30am and **5pm** St Joseph's

10:30am Mother of Perpetual Help

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays following

9.00am Mass at MPH

Rosary 8.30am and Benediction at 6.30pm

Rosary Group – All Welcome

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Fridays at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre

Visit our website for

~New Parishioner Registration

~Sacramental Programmes: including for
 Adults (OCIA) and Children (RCIC)
sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

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